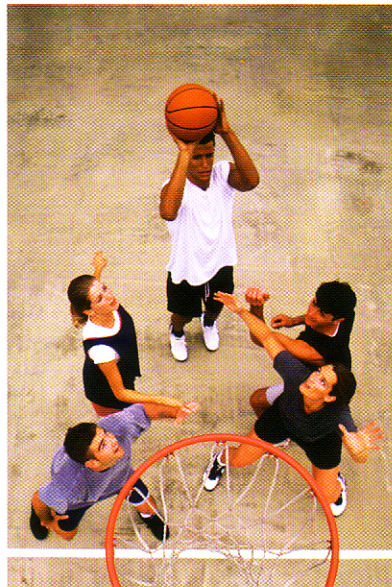


## WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP & METRO PARKS

### *Butler County, Ohio*



The Voice of America made its first radio broadcast on February 24, 1942 in response to the need of peoples in closed and war-torn societies for accurate, objective and reliable news. The Bethany Relay Station broadcast from September 23, 1944 to November 14, 1994 and was one of only five such sites in the country broadcasting all over the world.

In February 2000, the Federal Lands to Parks Program completed two transfers of surplus federal property from a former Voice of America relay station in Butler County, Ohio. The program transferred 308 acres, valued at \$16 million, to Westchester Township, which plans to build a recreation complex with football and soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and tennis, volleyball and basketball courts. The program also transferred 200 acres, valued at \$8 million, to MetroParks of Butler County, Ohio. MetroParks will build an 18-hole public golf course on its parcel. These transfers are particularly important as little other land has been set aside for recreation in this rapidly growing part of Ohio. A museum in the historic building will house information on the original mission of the site. The park has been named the Voice of America Park.

